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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by Hon. DICK CLARK, a Senator from the State of Iowa.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Edward L. R. Elson, D.D., offered the following prayer:

O God our Father, help us to obey Thy law, to do to others as we would wish them to do unto us. Grant us Thy grace for our daily life and work.

Grant us grace to possess respect and tolerance for the views and beliefs of others as we would wish them to have for ours. Grant us grace to understand others as we would wish to be understood. Grant us grace to make allowances in others as we would like them to make for us. Grant us grace to forgive others as we would wish to be forgiven. Grant us grace to be kind to them as we would wish them to be kind to us.

Grant us grace to enter into the feelings of others, that we may see things with their eyes, think things with their minds, feel things with their hearts.

What we ask for ourselves here we pray for all people.

In the name of the great Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. EASTLAND).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, D.C., May 18, 1976.

To the Senate:

Being temporarily absent from the Senate on official duties, I appoint Hon. DICK CLARK, a Senator from the State of Iowa, to perform the duties of the Chair during my absence.

JAMES O. EASTLAND,
President pro tempore.

Mr. CLARK thereupon took the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

QUORUM CALL

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The second assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

THE JOURNAL

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the reading of the Journal of the proceedings of Monday, May 17, 1976, be dispensed with.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS DURING SENATE SESSION

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that all committees be authorized to meet until 12 noon today.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE OF SENATORS TO JOIN WITH COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE TO ESCORT PRESIDENT OF FRANCE TO HOUSE CHAMBER

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the President of the Senate be authorized to appoint a committee of Senators on the part of the Senate to join with the committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the President of the Republic of France into the House Chamber.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN MEASURES ON THE CALENDAR

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate turn to the consideration of Calendars Nos. 784, 785, 790, 792, 795, 797, 805, 807, and 828.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

LOUISE G. WHALEN

The bill (H.R. 2279) for the relief of Mrs. Louise G. Whalen was considered,

ordered to a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

ALICE W. OLSON, ET AL.

The bill (S. 3035) for the relief of Alice W. Olson, Lisa Olson Hayward, Eric Olson, and Nils Olson was announced as next in order.

Mr. MATHIAS. Mr. President, as the recent report of the Senate Intelligence Committee sets forth, during the 1950's and early 1960's the Central Intelligence Agency engaged in a program for the testing of chemical and biological agents. Most aspects of this program were considered so secret that they were unknown to either the executive branch or the Congress.

During the course of this program, Dr. Frank Olson, a civilian employee of the U.S. Army at Fort Detrick, Md., was administered 70 micrograms of the hallucinogenic drug commonly known as LSD without his knowledge or consent. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Olson fell to his death from a hotel window in New York City. Despite a determination by the Federal Government that the administration of the LSD was the proximate cause of Dr. Olson's death, the CIA purposefully concealed the true facts from his family. It was not until 22 years later—when the Olson family reviewed the findings of the Rockefeller Commission on the CIA—that the family learned the true circumstances regarding Dr. Olson's death. It is entirely conceivable that but for the recent investigations of the CIA, that the Olson family would have forever labored under the misconception that Dr. Olson had inexplicably committed suicide.

Presently before the Senate is S. 3035, a bill which I introduced with my colleague from Maryland, Mr. BEALL, on February 25, 1976, and which attempts to compensate the Olson family for the losses associated with the tragic death of Dr. Olson and the subsequent coverup by the CIA. This legislation is fully supported by the President, the Department of Justice, and the Central Intelligence Agency and was unanimously approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 12, 1976. S. 3035 is predicated upon the assumption of responsibility by the United States for the facts and circumstances surrounding the death of Dr. Olson and is a recognition of the decep-

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